

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Joseph A. Dozier,	)	C/A No. 0:15-4847-RMG-PJG
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION</b>
	)	
Warden Stevenson,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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The petitioner, Joseph A. Dozier, proceeding *pro se*, brought this action seeking a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On March 23, 2016, the respondent filed a motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 20.) By order of this court filed March 24, 2016, pursuant to Roseboro v. Garrison, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), the petitioner was advised of the dismissal and summary judgment procedures and the possible consequences if he failed to respond adequately. (ECF No. 21.)

On April 13, 2016, the petitioner filed a motion for an extension of time in which to file his response to the respondent's motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 23.) The court granted the petitioner's motion by docket text order on April 20, 2016. (ECF No. 24.) The petitioner was specifically warned that if he failed to respond, this action may be recommended for dismissal with prejudice for failure to prosecute. See Davis v. Williams, 588 F.2d 69, 70 (4th Cir. 1978); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

In lieu of filing a response, the petitioner moved to amend his Petition on May 31, 2016. (ECF No. 30.) The court denied the petitioner's motion without prejudice to refile if the respondent's statute of limitations defense was ultimately resolved in the petitioner's favor. (ECF

No. 33.) The court ordered the petitioner to respond to the respondent's motion and, again, warned the petitioner that his failure to respond may result in dismissal of his Petition. (Id.)

On July 15, 2016, the petitioner filed an additional motion for an extension of time in which to file his response to the respondent's motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 36.) The court granted the petitioner's motion by docket text order on July 19, 2016, again warning the petitioner that if he failed to respond, his Petition may be dismissed. (ECF No. 38.)

Notwithstanding the petitioner's multiple extensions of time and the specific warning and instructions set forth in the court's Roseboro order, the petitioner failed to respond to the motion. Therefore, the petitioner meets all of the criteria for dismissal under Chandler Leasing Corp.v. Lopez, 669 F.2d 919 (4th Cir. 1982).<sup>1</sup>

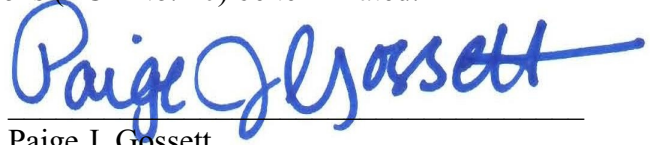
#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Accordingly, it is recommended that this action be dismissed with prejudice for lack of prosecution. See Davis, 588 F.2d at 70; Ballard v. Carlson, 882 F.2d 93, 95 (4th Cir. 1989) (stating that magistrate judge's prior explicit warning that a recommendation of dismissal would result from the petitioner failing to obey his order was proper grounds for the district court to dismiss the suit

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<sup>1</sup> He is personally responsible for proceeding in a dilatory fashion, the respondent is suffering prejudice by continuing to have these claims clouding his career and continuing to incur legal expenses, and no sanctions appear to exist other than dismissal given the previous warnings and extensions provided. Lopez, 669 F.2d at 920.

when the petitioner did not comply despite the warning), cert. denied sub nom, Ballard v. Volunteers of America, 493 U.S. 1084 (1990); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). In light of the court's recommendation, the court further recommends that any pending motions (ECF No. 20) be terminated.



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Paige J. Gossett  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

August 25, 2016  
Columbia, South Carolina

*The parties' attention is directed to the important notice on the next page.*

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The parties are advised that they may file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation with the District Judge. Objections must specifically identify the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections are made and the basis for such objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Specific written objections must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); see Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a), (d). Filing by mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 may be accomplished by mailing objections to:

Robin L. Blume, Clerk  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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